

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By Vice Chairman Gordon Hendrick, on March 27, 2007 at 4:15 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Milburn, Chairman (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Rick Jore (C)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJR 18, 3/21/2007; SB 128, 3/8/2007
Executive Action: SB 243

HEARING ON SJR 18

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:20 Sen. Gerald Pease (D), SD 21, opened the hearing on SJR 18, Urge Congress to allocate federal excise taxes to tribes.

00:01:25 Rep. Milburn left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:24 Rich Clough, Choteau

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:07:48 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife & Parks
[EXHIBIT\(fih65a01\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:30 Rep. Hilbert
00:10:26 Jeff Hagener
00:10:40 Rep. Peterson
00:13:33 Rep. Groesbeck

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:23 Sen. Gerald Pease

HEARING ON SB 128

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:58 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 128, Eliminate termination of FWP instream flow and revise laws governing.

00:17:36 Rep. Dutton left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:19 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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00:26:52 Mark Aagenes, representing Montana Trout Unlimited

00:28:18 Robert Throssell, representing Montana Wildlife
Federation

00:28:52 Molly Immen, representing Montana Audubon, Montana
Chapter of the American Fishing Society

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:01 Rep. Peterson

00:32:13 Rep. Hilbert

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:03 Sen. Jesse Laslovich

00:33:56 Recess

00:39:07 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 243

00:39:25 **Motion:** Rep. Ward moved that **SB 243 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:40:16 Rep. Hendrick

00:40:50 Rep. Peterson

00:41:28 Rep. Driscoll

00:41:48 Rep. Becker

00:42:16 Rep. Groesbeck

00:43:36 Rep. Peterson

00:43:54 Rep. Vincent

00:44:35 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 10-9 by roll call vote with Reps.
Becker, Branae, Cordier, Driscoll, Groesbeck, Koopman,
Phillips, Van Dyk, and Vincent voting no and Reps.
Barrett, Cordier, Dutton and Milburn voting by proxy.
Rep. Vincent will carry SB 243.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:10 P.M.

REP. MIKE MILBURN, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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